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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

## In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 8-88790 discloses
a method in which shooting conditions are recorded when image data
is stored and the conditions are used to reproduce the image.

Japanese Patent Application Laid-open No. 5-2452 discloses a
method in which information indicating whether or not image data
has been compressed is stored when the image data is stored.--